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WRIT APPEAL No. 997 OF 2005

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Date: 13—09—2005

Between:

The Regional Manager (HCR), APSRTC,

J.B.S. Secunderabad and others.

…appellants

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J. Mangu

…respondent.

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O R D E R: (per Sri Justice B. Prakash Rao)

Heard both sides and at their request the main appeal is taken up for disposal.

The appellants are the officials of the A.P. Road Transport Corporation, who seek to assail the order of the learned single Judge dated 3.2.2005 passed in W.P. 24167 of 2004, which was filed by the respondent herein. The respondent herein, working as Conductor in the appellant-Corporation, challenged the order of punishment of deferment of annual increment for a period of two years with cumulative effect. Having considered the totality of the circumstances and having found that the allegation is with regard to Rs.3/- denomination for which he was found fault and in view of the fact that there was no similar instance earlier in his entire service record, the learned single Judge thought it fit to modify the punishment imposed and accordingly ordered deferment of annual increment for a period of two years, without cumulative effect.

Having considered the contentions raised by either side and on perusal of the record, we find that the learned single Judge did not commit any error in modifying the punishment having noticed the fact that the allegation leveled is only with regard to Rs.3/- denomination. Therefore, we do not find any reason to interfere with the same.

The writ appeal is accordingly dismissed.

13—09—2005.

MVB.